

More to re-deploying than 'I'm home'

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Estimated time to re-deployment? Who's counting? But keep in mind, when you gear up for that flight home, that things may not be how you remember them. Time has passed, and changes have taken place.

It may be as tough for some soldiers returning home as it was leaving "because change is involved," said Lado. Life still went on back home and "change happens to everybody," she said. "We can't control it."

Change is a healthy process, but sometimes change can have a negative impact on a person, said Lado. "If you don't have a healthy handle on how to deal with these changes, it can be quite upsetting," she said.

Your significant other or your spouse may have had to assume new responsibilities while you were gone, and your kids, depending on what age they are, may have a whole different set of responses toward the returning parent, said Lado.

Because change is a natural process, it is how a person adjusts to these changes that determines how smoothly the readjustment process is, said Lado.

A lot of the times, things may seem fine because "most people go home to a honeymoon period where they're just happy to be home, happy to see everyone, but then they see that there have been some changes that have been made," said Lado.

Usually the honeymoon period lasts anywhere from two weeks to one month, said Lado. "After thirty days you go into a this-is-the-way-it-really-is period, and that's when most of your stressors will occur."

If you are not adjusting to the changes around you, "you might see changes in your own behavior," said Lado. "You might find yourself anxious, maybe overzealous because

you're so excited about going home, and also you don't know what you're going home to," she said.

Soldiers may experience the same physical problem that they went through when they were initially deployed, said Lado. Problems with the appetite, sleeping and mood changes, or if there is more tension in relationships that were once smooth, are all signs that you may need to take a step back and analyze why these things are problems, said Lado.

It's wise to analyze the situation because "a lot of people are in a denial," said Lado. "Even though they have the signs, they may not admit it," she said.

"If there's behavioral change, then there's a problem," said Lado. "Mentally, you can say you're dealing with it, but a lot of people are in denial and don't make the connection," she said. "It's a real common defense mechanism."

This is when the returning troop must make adjustments so normal changes can fall naturally into place, said Lado. Even if a person doesn't want to make the adjustments, they need to, especially if there are problems with friends and family, said Lado.

Adjustments don't have to be dramatic and they don't have to happen overnight. They can be as simple as being patient with your spouse, children and friends, said Lado. "Don't expect too much too soon," she said. "Listen to what your family and friends have to say, and don't be judgmental."

"Don't bring up the past," said Lado. "Don't expect to fix things that have already happened because you're not going to be able to fix a lot of things" and it will only frustrate the situation, she said.

Personnel can deal with the small problems and obstacles on their own until it becomes an issue that causes these behavioral changes. If there's behavioral change, then there's a problem. That's when personnel



It's more to re-deploying than just packing up and going home.

should seek outside support.

"You can talk to a chaplain, talk to a peer, or someone else in your unit who has already gone through the process," said Lado. If the situation worsens, then personnel should seek the assistance of social services or the local combat stress clinic. Just don't face it on your own, said Lado.

Lado said that severe problems can be entirely avoided by simply adjusting to the natural process of change. "You have to remember to keep this all in perspective," she said. "Change is a healthy thing."

Reuniting with loved ones is something special that should be looked forward to and not ruined by forgetting that life did go on back home, and that changes are natural and healthy, said Lado. She said that friends and family are in the here and now, and that's who returning troops are going home to: loved ones.

World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Raghad Hussein, left, and her sister Rana discuss their father in an interview with CNN.

Daughter: Saddam 'had a big heart'

AMMAN, Jordan — With tears in their eyes, Saddam Hussein's two oldest daughters said Friday that they still love their father but wouldn't talk about his role in the deaths of their husbands in 1996.

Speaking from exile in Amman, 35-year-old Raghad Hussein and 33-year-old Rana Hussein also told *CNN* that they don't know where the former president has been hiding since the U.S.-led war that ousted his regime from power. They last spoke to Saddam seven days before the war, which started March 19.

"He was a very good father, loving, had a big heart, loved his daughters, sons, grandchildren," Raghad said. "He was the one we always go to."

Rana, who spoke in Arabic, also talked of her father.

"I pray to God that he will be fine and safe," she said.

Recently, the sisters and their nine children fled to Amman, where they were welcomed as guests of King Abdullah II. In 1995, the sisters and their husbands — who were brothers — were welcomed by Abdullah's father, King Hussein.

Six months after they defected, they were lured back to Iraq by when Saddam promised forgiveness. Once they arrived, the men were killed in a shootout in a house near Baghdad. The shootout was believed to have been organized by Rana and Raghad's brothers, Uday and Qusay, at their father's request.

The sisters said they chose Jordan because of the previous trip there.

A younger sister, Hala, remains in Iraq. Saddam's three daughters and two sons are those of his first wife, Sajida Khairallah Telfah.

U.N. votes to send peacekeepers to Liberia

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council approved a resolution Friday to authorize a multinational force to go into Liberia, by a vote of 12-0.

France, Germany and Mexico abstained from the vote.

"I am thankful that the resolution passed tonight," U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan said after the vote. "I hope we will move ahead with urgent and determined action to help the Liberian people."

The three members that abstained objected to a paragraph within the resolution that would not allow the International Criminal Court to punish soldiers in the multinational force who commit crimes if they are from countries that have not ratified the treaty that created the ICC.

The United States has not ratified the treaty. It does not want to participate in the court and has tried to get an exemption from it because it fears it could open the door to frivolous lawsuits against the United States.



President Bush, shown with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, during a meeting Friday.

Bush 'optimistic' about North Korea talks

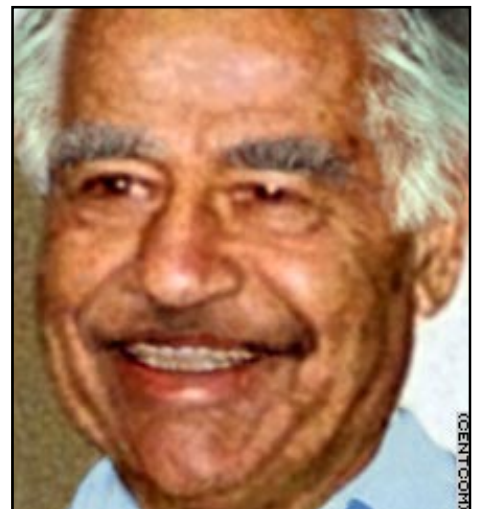
WASHINGTON — President Bush Friday said his administration is "optimistic" about the chances of success of the six-nation multilateral talks aimed at pressuring North Korea to "totally dismantle" its

"nuclear weapons program" and "allow complete transparency and verifiability."

"There are now five nations and North Korea sitting at a table," Bush said of the upcoming talks. "The discussions will be all aimed at convincing Kim Jong Il to change his attitude about nuclear weaponry."

Bush said he is "upbeat" that other countries are taking part. The talks would include North Korea, the United States, China, Japan, South Korea and Russia. On Friday, Bush praised China's role in helping resolve the crisis.

"In the past, it was the lone voice of the United State speaking clearly about this. Now we'll have other parties who've got a vested interest in peace on the peninsula," Bush said.



Shown here is one of the five altered photos of what Saddam Hussein might look like.

U.S. releases Saddam pictures

CNN — The United States released digitally altered pictures of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein on Friday that coalition forces are using in their efforts to track him down.

The U.S. military images — which were posted on the U.S. Central Command Web site Friday — show five versions of Saddam. One shows him with his dyed black hair and a full beard; another wearing a salt-and-pepper beard and a white headdress with black bands; two poses show him with what would probably be his natural hair color — gray — and a mustache; and another shows him with gray hair and no mustache.

Air Liason Officer: The Army's link to the air

Story and photos by
2nd Lt. Rebecca Garland
484th Air Expeditionary Wing PAO

It takes more than a pilot in a plane to drop bombs on targets.....

Air Force pilots don't always spend their whole career flying jets, and living on Air Force bases. Some are tasked as air liaison officers, assigned to army units, which requires the ability to paint a roadmap in the sky for pilot's overhead, allowing them to drop bombs and destroy the enemy without harming the coalition forces on the ground.

Capt. Danny Stout, a B-52 pilot, spent the last year and a half as an ALO, and deployed from Fort Drum, New York, with the 2nd Battalion, 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment (2 Panther), 82nd Airborne Division, to Afghanistan.

Stout is currently in the mountains of Afghanistan, camping with 2 Panther, ready and poised to talk aircraft onto enemy targets.

"We've been out here for over a week, and my job is to focus solely on our aircraft in the skies," said Stout. "I talk their eyes onto our position first, so they know where the friendlies are, sometimes with a mirror flash, sometimes with smoke, it all depends. I am here to bring close air support to our coalition forces when and if they need it."

Being an ALO has given Stout a new perspective on the ground forces side of things, which he rarely sees because he is normally flying.

"I've learned to adopt and respect the army way," said Stout. "They look at me as part of their team, because I choose to be a team player, and 'do as the Romans' do while I'm assigned with them. We camp out a couple of weeks at a time, and these guys don't pack anything extra, except socks, and that's it. We stink when we're done, and they make a career of this. I'm only an ALO for two years.

This is definitely my Air Force appreciation tour."

Stout described the Army way as anything from shaving while in the field, to their motto of 'Pack light, freeze at night', to carrying grenades and extra ammo.

Not all pilots want a tour as an ALO, but Stout believes it is a worthwhile experience.

"The worst concept for any pilot is to not be able to fly for two years, but I think this experience has made my time out of the cockpit worth it," said Stout. "I would never be in charge of 25 enlisted guys like I am now. I would never write EPRs (enlisted performance reports), do any counseling or discipline anyone. I would also never camp out with the Army, ruck with them, or make these friends had I not been an ALO. Working with the Tactical Air Control Party career field has given me an all new appreciation for what and how our young enlisted guys call in close air support."

After Stout makes contact with the pilots and talks them onto his position, the aircraft are ready for further action if necessary.

"It is most important for them to find us first, so they know where we are, and then we direct them to the enemy by guiding them onto trees, or obvious locations on the ground like a tower or something," said Stout. "They don't always drop bombs, because we're not always being fired upon, but they're ready, and fly in the area until they're replaced with another set of fighters. So, as long as they're in the sky above us, I'm talking to them."

Stout has talked many different aircraft onto a location to include A-10s, B-52s, F-16s, F-15s, AV8 Harriers, and dozens of others.

"We have a pretty standard way of communicating, and just because I speak B-52 doesn't mean I can't communicate with the other pilots," said Stout. "We're all trained the same in communicating, which makes a difference when I'm on the ground. Being a pilot helps me to know what they're thinking



Capt. Danny Stout watches A-10s flying overhead, as he talks their eyes onto his location.

up there, and helps me say the right things."

Stout has been in theater since April 15, and has learned a new meaning to the words 'sense of urgency.'

"When guys on the ground need close air support, they need it right then, because they're probably being fired at," said Stout. "That's why the aircraft are designated to go out and be ready in the area, just in case. That way, when CAS is needed, it is only minutes before they are on the target."

Stout has been a part of many large operations since he has been deployed.

"After Operation Iraq Freedom, people seemed to forget that there are still operations going on, and people are still getting killed here in Afghanistan," said Stout. "We have troops still in the fields, and the enemy is still out there. It's important to remember that it's still serious over here."

Stout will return from this deployment with a new perspective on flying, and will train into the B-2 for the next few years of his Air Force tour.

"This has been the highlight of my Air Force career so far," said Stout. "It's been incredible to participate in big operation such as this one, and know that what we in the Tactical Air Control Party career field are doing is making a difference in the war on terrorism."



Capt. Danny Stout talks with F-16s flying overhead.

Afghan Government and International Community meet for reform symposium

KABUL, Afghanistan – The reconstruction of Afghanistan requires the unified and determined commitment of the Afghan government, the Coalition, and the international community.

Recently, a two-day symposium, dedicated to discussing the key issues and challenges of security sector reform began on July 30th, in Kabul.

The symposium, attended by many key Afghan and Coalition government officials including President Hamid Karzai, the Afghan National Security Advisor, key ministers, provincial governors, corps commanders, Ambassadors of Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States, British and

Dutch Charges d'Affairs, Special Representative to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the ISAF Commander, and key Coalition leaders. It provided a forum to openly discuss the challenges and respective accomplishments of the five pillars of security sector reform: law enforcement, judicial reform, counter narcotics, the Afghan National Army, and Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration.

President Karzai opened the symposium expressing that while significant progress had been made in many areas, much work still remained. He cited roads and schools

being built, the strengthening of the economy of Afghanistan, the Afghan National Army's (ANA) growing acceptance, and the police forces becoming more professional, as examples of progress.

Afghanistan's National Security Advisor, Dr. Zalmay Rassoul, emphasized that while the international community's support is key, ultimate responsibility belongs to the Afghan people.

This symposium marks yet another major milestone along the road of Afghanistan's efforts to achieve stability and join, once again, the community of prosperous and free nations.

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U.S. helps increase ANA recruitment numbers

Story by Sgt. Greg Heath
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CARIKAR, Afghanistan – Local governors, village elders, influential members of the region, and regional Afghan military force officers recently gathered at one of the Afghan Ministry of Defense's recruitment presentations for the Afghan National Army.

At this event, two United States Army recruiting command officers are working feverishly with the Office of Military Cooperation Afghanistan to make the hopes of a unified Afghan military a reality.

For Maj. Thomas Armbruster and Capt. Chris Lombardi, OMC-A in Kabul, who've been in country for less than a month, their immense task is to lay the foundation for a functioning recruiting command within Afghanistan for the ANA to build its forces.

Currently the ANA has no formal recruiting structure in place.

In Afghanistan there are 33 provinces and each province has its own army run by a regional commander, or warlord, according to Armbruster.

"Our mission is to consolidate all the separate factions and small militias around the country into one volunteer national army," said Armbruster. "But it is kind of a new concept here. Our message is the importance of one army."

Their mission is to provide a recruiting structure that in the future can bring the number of soldiers in the ANA to between 40,000-70,000.

The reaction to the ANA has been good so far, according to Armbruster.

The ANA's forces are now approximately 10 battalions, totaling 4,500 soldiers, and recently they successfully worked alongside

coalition forces in their first combat mission during Operation Warrior Sweep in Paktiya province.

"After being involved in over 20 years of war, people are realizing that the old methods aren't working and it's time to create a new system," said Armbruster, about people's attitudes toward the ANA.

ANA public affairs officer, Capt. Muhammad Shapoor, attended most recent recruiting conferences and gave a presentation educating the attendees about the benefits of unifying the military forces of the country, and how the Afghan recruits can benefit from it.

"We need a national army in Afghanistan, so we can have security and peace," said Shapoor.

He also spoke about how soldiers will get steady pay, meals, receive medical care, live in hardened barracks, and an opportunity to study English as a second language, along with providing them with professional military training.

Although the recruiting troops has been successful so far, the U.S. recruiting officers work is just beginning.

"Our work is still in its infancy," said Lombardi.

Armbruster and Lombardi are still in the process of finding facilities in Afghan cities that can serve as national volunteer army recruiting centers.

They're currently working on sites in Jalalabad, Gardez, and Bamyán.

"In the future we hope to have volunteer army centers in all of the provinces," Lombardi said.

But in the end, the U.S. has one main goal in Afghanistan, according to Armbruster, "Our role is to help Afghanistan help themselves.

And perhaps once the system is in place, it will bring Afghanistan one step closer to unity and stability.

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Roots Of Hope In a Realm Of Fear

Comments by
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Paul Wolfowitz

Behind the police academy in Baghdad stands the forked trunk of a dead tree, unusual for the fact that on each branch the bark is permanently marked by two sets of ropes — one high enough to tie up a man, the other, a woman. Near the tree is a row of small cells where special prisoners were held.

Our guide, the newly appointed Sunni superintendent of the academy (who had spent a year in jail for having made a disparaging comment about Saddam Hussein to his best friend) told us of unspeakable things that once happened to men and women tied to that tree and held in those cells.

Traveling throughout Iraq last week, I heard many more accounts of unspeakable brutality — on a scale unimaginable for Americans. While we were in the north, one commander told us workers had temporarily stopped the excavation of a newly discovered mass gravesite, after unearthing the remains of 80 women and children — some still with little dresses and toys.

One of my strongest impressions is that fear of the old regime is still pervasive. A smothering blanket of apprehension and dread woven by 35 years of repression — where even the smallest mistake could bring torture or death — won't be cast off in a few

weeks' time.

Iraqis are understandably cautious. Until they are convinced that every remnant of Hussein's old regime is removed, and until a long and ghastly part of their history is overcome, that fear will remain. That history of atrocities and the punishment of those responsible are directly linked to our success in helping the Iraqi people build a free, secure and democratic future.

What happened to Uday and Qusay Hussein last week is essential to the process of building that future. Their demise is an important step in making Iraqis feel more secure that the Baathist tyranny will never return, in restoring order and in giving freedom a chance.

Even though the enemy targets our success, we will win the peace. But we won't win it alone. We don't need American troops to guard every mile of electrical cable. The real center of gravity will come from the Iraqi people themselves — they know who and where the criminals are. And they have the most at stake — their future.

In many ways, the people of Iraq are like prisoners who endured years of solitary confinement — without light, without peace, without much knowledge of the outside world. They have just emerged into the bright light of hope and fresh air of freedom. It may take a while for them to adjust to this new landscape free of torture trees.

STREET TALK

What do you spend your money on while you're stationed here?



"I like to spend my money at the bazaar on various things that interest me and cigarettes at the PX."

CW2 Ron Nelson
348th Engineer Detachment.

"I spend money at the bazaar and souvenirs like T-shirts to send back home."

Sgt. LaTonja Garnett
327th Signal Battalion



"I spend my money on snacks and hygiene products."

Airmen 1st Class
Brandon Milton
455th Security Forces Squadron

"I spend my money on CDs. I need music to help me relax. I use them at the gym to help let out my frustrations."

Spc. Robert L. Hampton
433rd Personnel Service Detachment.



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Operation Warrior Sweep

One of the largest combat operations in Afghanistan since Operation Anaconda, Operation Warrior Sweep was a success for the soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division who patrolled the Afghan mountain and villages looking for remanence of Taliban and al-Qaeda forces July 23-July 30.

These pictures are a look inside of the life of the 82nd soldier during the operation.

Photos by Sgt. Greg Heath, 4th Public Affairs Detachment



Spc. Jose Lara, Co. B, 2-505 Inf. Reg., 82nd Abn. Div., pulls security as the rest of his squad searches a village for weapons and ammunition



Spc. Edward Michel, Co. B, 2-505 Inf. Reg. 82nd Abn. Div. prepares to search a home for weapons and ammunition.



Sgt. Nick Cameron, Co. B, 2-505 Inf. Reg., 82nd Abn. Div., emerges from under a house after going down to search for hidden weapons and ammunition.



Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division are resupplied in mountains more than 10,000 ft above sea level during the early stages of Operation Warrior Sweep taking place in southeast Afghanistan.

Entertainment

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Bagram, Afghanistan

Bazaar reopens communications with community

Story and photo by Pfc. Kelly Hunt
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – After a temporary closing of the bazaar on base due to a rocket attack, the bazaar was open for business once again on Friday, offering troops an opportunity to purchase local goods and mix with the local population.

For nearly two weeks the bazaar was out of business because of the concern that the bazaar was a safety risk for troops.

The rocket attack on base threatened the safety of the surrounding area and according to Col. Kurt McNeely, Base Operations Commander, the bazaar was not to reopen until the Afghans in the local population could guarantee the security of the



Capt. Shane Paul, 213th Area Support Unit, inquires about a rug from a local vender during the first day of the reopening of the local bazaar. The bazaar was closed temporarily due to a rocket attack on base.



Pfc. Lisette Matos and Pfc. Jessica Tanabe, HHC, 3rd Bn., 229th Aviation Regiment, take turns tying on jewelry at the re-opening of the Bagram Air Field bazaar Friday.

air base.

Reopening the bazaar was an act of trust and McNeely said he believes “the officials have taken the proper response to ensure that there will not be further rocket attacks in the future.”

“Therefore, we feel comfortable with civilians coming back onto base to sell goods to the (troops),” McNeely added.

The reopening of the bazaar benefits both troops and the local population by allowing the Afghan people an opportunity to sell their goods and bring a legitimate income home to their families and by offering a safe place for troops to go to see the culture of the area, said McNeely.

Many troops were disappointed that the bazaar had to be shut down and were excited to see it reopen.

“(The bazaar) is drastically increasing the morale of soldiers,” said Capt. Jude Blake, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 159th Aviation.

Soldiers within his unit were immediately affected when the news came that the bazaar was open once again, he said.

“When we told them it was open, they got happy and started to pick up a little bit,” he added.

The soldiers benefit from the bazaar just from the atmosphere of it. The opportunity to interact with local nationals isn’t an experience that all troops stationed here get to have.

“For many soldiers here, it’s the only opportunity they have, to interact with the local nationals by interacting with these vendors,” said Blake.

It’s a chance for troops to get out of their area and it’s a good experience for them to have, he said.

The reopening also came at a good time, said Blake, because many troops are heading out of Bagram and this gives them a chance to load up on the gifts they want to bring home to their loved ones.



Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)

Suge Knight sentenced to 10 months in prison for parole violation



Suge Knight

MTV— Marion “Suge” Knight is being returned to prison for 10 months after a parole board on Thursday found him guilty of violating his parole by punching a parking valet.

The rap mogul was arrested last month and has been held in custody since June 27. His time served at the Los Angeles County Jail counts toward his 10-month sentence. Knight had faced up to a year in prison.

The closed parole board hearing lasted eight hours, during which the arresting officer, the victim and other witnesses testified, but not all of the testimony given was determined to be as pertinent as statements given the night of the June 21 incident.

Knight was accused of hitting valet Mehdi Lazrak on the back of the head from behind. Lazrak did not see his attacker, but his boss, Abbey Shilleh, claimed that evening that he saw Knight do it. Shilleh retracted that statement in his testimony Thursday, but that did not exonerate the gangsta-rap CEO.

“He backpedaled a bit,” California Board of Prison Terms spokesperson Bill Sessa acknowledged. “But we have a provision for weighing testimony from fearful witnesses. We gave more weight to what he said that night than what he said today.”

A security camera videotape of the incident was provided by Knight’s lawyer, Rose Kogeman, but the parole hearing officer determined that the images were too out of focus to be conclusive.

Knight originally received probation in 1992 for weapons and assault charges.

Pink Trying Out *Try This As Title Of Next LP*



Pink

MTV — Details on Pink’s upcoming album have been hard to come by this summer — until now. Due in stores on November 11, the singer’s album now has a tentative title, *Try This*.

The track list is still under wraps, but the first single — also tentative — will most likely be called “God Is a DJ,” an energetic, melodic pop song that merges Pink’s exuberant dance-floor energy with a grinding, rock edge.

On the hook, Pink sings, “If God is a DJ, life is a dance floor, love is a river, and you are the music/ If God is a DJ, life is a dance floor, you get what is given, it’s all how you use it.”

During an internal Arista Records event in New York on Tuesday, label president Antonio “LA” Reid said he was blown away with Pink’s vocal prowess on her new material, particularly the emotional ballad “Catch Me While I’m Sleeping.” “She’s really showing off her vocal talents on this album,” Reid said.

Justin Timberlake joins the Stones at Toronto benefit

TORONTO — In perhaps his most memorable cameo since donning a furry dolphin suit at a Flaming Lips performance, Justin Timberlake joined Mick Jagger and the rest of the Rolling Stones onstage during the veteran rock band’s set at the concert for Toronto on Wednesday night.

During his mini-set of “Cry Me a River,” “Senorita” and “Rock Your Body,” Justin

gracefully dodged water bottles flung by anti-pop audience members, and winced slightly at their less than playful jeers. After quietly thanking the city of Toronto for generally being welcoming to him and his tour crew, Timberlake left the stage to make way for more crowd-pleasing acts including the Guess Who, Rush, AC/DC and headliners the Rolling Stones.

Ashanti teams up with Hype Williams for next single

MTV — Ashanti is doing it big by doing it small, with a short film and a short tour slated for August.

Early next month, the dainty *Billboard* darling is heading to Spain and pulling yet another acclaimed music video lensman out of semi-hiatus. Ashanti



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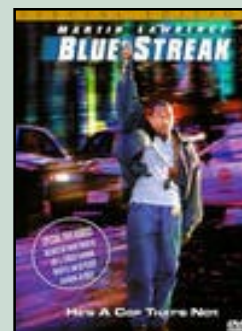
has enlisted Hype Williams to dig into his bag of visually maniacal tricks for the next video from her *Chapter II* LP, “Rain on Me.”

The video’s concept is still being finalized, but a spokesperson for Murder Inc. described plans for the clip as more along the lines of a short film than your average music video.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

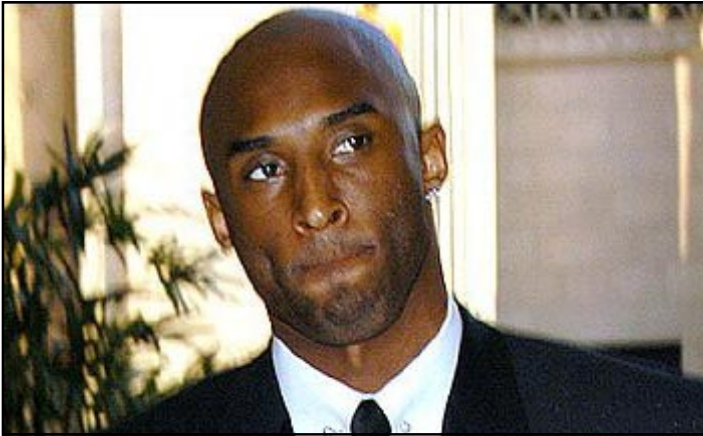
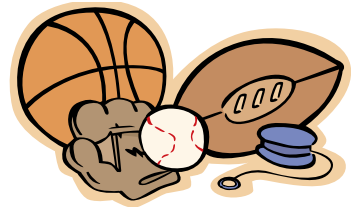
1530Z at the MWR building:
“Blue Streak.” Miles Logan, a thief turned ex-con, poses as a cop to retrieve a diamond he stole years ago.

Tomorrow’s movie will be:
“Biker Boyz.”



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Kobe Bryant, accused of felony sexual assault, will make his first court appearance August 6 in Eagle, Colo. He's expected to plea not guilty.

Locals get ready for Kobe media circus

EAGLE, Colo. — The motels are filling up fast and restaurants are doubling their food orders in this small mountain community. The preparations are not for a business conference or a sporting event.

They are for Kobe Bryant.

Hundreds of reporters, photographers and media support crews are expected Wednesday to cover the NBA superstar's first court appearance on a felony sexual assault charge. He has said his 19-year-old accuser had sex with him willingly at a nearby resort on June 30.

While many in Eagle have clammed up about the case, not everyone is complaining about all the attention.

"I'm getting a piece of the action," said Wayne Conrad, who charged CNN \$1,700 to build a plywood platform with stairs near the courthouse for camera crews and anchors.

"If this trial goes on and continues, it's going to cost the county, but the media can offset the costs," Conrad said Friday as courts closed early and courthouse workers headed for a picnic.

Nearby, MSNBC correspondent Michelle Hofland went live every hour from the cable network's tented scaffolding platform at the end of nearly a dozen similar stages along the street beside the courthouse.

"He's an NBA superstar in his prime with a stellar reputation," Hofland said after a live update on how Bryant lost a bid to skip the Aug. 6 hearing. Hofland said the appearance will be "a madhouse."

Many businesses in this town of 3,500 people welcome the attention. The marquee at the General Store on Broadway says "As Seen on TV." (MSNBC used the storefront as a backdrop last week).

The Vail Cascade Resort & Spa, some 30 miles away, began offering a special "media package" Friday, touting accommodations

for satellite trucks and a special area especially for the media.

"It will be a place for a reporter from the *Boston Globe* to meet a reporter from *The New York Times* in Colorado," said Cathy Kruzic, hotel spokeswoman. "It's camaraderie. We know what their needs are."

Communications company CenturyTel says it installed 68 new telephone lines near the courthouse in a single day. Scaffolding and wood platforms went up practically overnight near the building, and workers Friday were busily erecting a 30-by-60 foot tent.

A columnist for the *Eagle Valley Enterprise* poked fun at the media frenzy recently, writing satirically about satellite trucks breaking down and an anchorwoman interviewing a dog about the case.

"It's something totally new to us," said Eagle County Court Clerk Jackie Cooper. "Usually we don't have a single soul around here that's media."

Smith says he was diamond amongst trash with the Cowboys

SAN ANTONIO — When the Dallas Cowboys travel to Arizona next weekend to play Emmitt Smith and the Arizona Cardinals, the NFL's career rushing leader might have some explaining to do with his former teammates.



Emmitt Smith

Smith is quoted in the latest edition of *Sports Illustrated* as saying that last season, his 13th and final one in Dallas, "was the worst year I even went through playing football."

"Too much damn drama. Too much selfishness by too many guys on the team. Too much media frenzy around the team," Smith said. "People always looking to me for answers, and I didn't have the answers for them about why we were so bad. It felt like being a diamond surrounded by trash."

The Cowboys went 5-11 for a third straight season, missing the playoffs for a fourth straight season. Among the few highlights was Smith becoming the NFL's career rushing leader. He was released in February.

The Cardinals and Cowboys meet in the desert next Saturday. He'll make his first regular-season appearance against the Cowboys in Texas Stadium on Oct. 5.

The reaction to Smith's comment varied Friday. Nobody lashed back at him, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones went so far as to say that Smith has meant so much to the organization that he "never needs to say, 'I'm sorry.'"

"Emmitt is a part of the history of this team and he's a part of all the good things that I've ever gotten a chance to be a part of,"

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Jones said. "We think the world of him. The wealth of positive collateral that he has built with me personally and with this organization, that's a deep well. ...

"We were all disappointed last year. He's a competitor. He was a champion from the standpoint of doing everything he could to win the games."

Troy Hambrick, who made critical comments about Smith several times last season while serving as his backup, said he wasn't too surprised by the quotes.

"Emmitt Smith is a future Hall of Famer. He is on top of the pedestal. He can get away with comments like that," Hambrick said. "Now you know I'm not the only one that says bad things."

Some players were surprised.

"I can't see Emmitt saying that," defensive end Greg Ellis said. "I don't think that he meant that — not about Greg Ellis, at least."

"Emmitt's a good buddy," quarterback Quincy Carter said.

"He's always been a class act with me."

Mariners' reliever apologizes for remarks about ball club

SEATTLE — After criticizing the Seattle Mariners' front office for not making a deal at the trade deadline, reliever Jeff Nelson apologized to the team's top two executives Friday.

"What I said was a lot out of frustration," Nelson said before Friday night's game against the Chicago White Sox. "If I questioned their integrity yesterday, I apologized to them for that."

On Thursday, Nelson said he didn't believe the Mariners tried to make a deal. On Friday, he said he was sorry about that comment but didn't back down from anything else he said.

The Mariners, who entered the day with a four-game lead in the AL West, added only infielder Rey Sanchez in a minor trade with the New York Mets earlier this week.

The Mariners went to the AL Championship Series in 1995, 2000 and 2001 but never made it to the World Series. They have the financial resources to pay top players after leading the majors in attendance with 3.5 million fans each of the past two seasons.

"Hopefully, they accepted my apology," he said. "But if they didn't, I can't do anything about that."

But he said his comments Thursday had nothing to do with his contract situation.

Nelson was the only Mariners player to criticize the team after the trade deadline passed.

"I'm the only guy who sticks his foot in his mouth," he said.

Solution from Friday's Airballs Puzzle Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

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By Mark Baker

Pvt. Murphy's Law

Kandahar chapel hours

Sunday

- 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- 0630Z — Protestant worship
- 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Gospel service

Monday

- 1130Z — Rosary and prayers
- 1430Z — Gospel choir practice

Tuesday

- 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

Bagram chapel hours

Sunday

- 0500Z — Catholic mass
- 0630Z — Protestant worship
- 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- 1400Z — Gospel service

Monday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass

Tuesday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice
- 1515Z — Catholic mass

K2 chapel hours

Sunday

- 0300Z- Liturgical Service
- 0400,0730,1130Z-General Protestant Service
- 0530Z-Roman Catholic Mass
- 1230Z-Latter Day Saints

Monday

- 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Tuesday

- 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- 1400Z-Biblestudy

Wednesday

- 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- 1400Z-Midweek Praise Service

Thursday

- 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Friday

- 1400Z-Jewish Service
- 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- 1400Z-Biblestudy

Saturday

- 0400Z-Jewish Service
- 1230Z-Catholic Mass

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Sunday

- 1100Z — Christian service
- 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service

- 1900Z — Christian service

Wednesday

- 1900Z — Bible study

2nd & 4th Thursdays

- 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



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Sunday



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Lo — 61F



Hi — 97F
Lo — 70F



Hi — 104F
Lo — 86F

Monday



Hi — 100F
Lo — 72F



Hi — 95F
Lo — 56F



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Lo — 70F



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Lo — 86F

KMTC chapel hours

Sunday

- 0430Z — Protestant Service
- 0530Z — Roman Catholic Mass/Eucharist
- 0630Z — Latter Day Saints
- 1630Z — Protestant Service

Wednesday

- 1430Z — Bible Study

Friday

- 1530Z — Thank God It's Friday fellowship and singing

All events are held in FOB195 Chapel/Conference Room area.